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TAFT FIRES OPENING GUN

Opens North Carolina Congressional Campaign.

GIVES PARTY ADVICE

Speaks on Achievements of Party in the Last Session of Congress.

HE IS CHEERED TO THE ECHO

Secretary of War Speaks Against So-Called "Solid South" As Detrimental to the Interests of Southern States.

GREENSBORO, July 9.—Secretary of War Taft tonight before a meeting of North Carolina republicans, on the eve of their state convention, delivered a speech generally regarded as the opening gun of the congressional campaign of 1906. The speech dealt with current political questions opening with advice to the rank and file of the party in North Carolina and the South particularly and referred to the achievements of the party in the session of Congress just closed. The opera house was packed by a throng eager to hear the secretary and many were turned away.

Secretary Taft in opening said that he was invited to attend this meeting, the committee advised him that "The political situation was such that if a proper effort was made at the coming election it would be possible to carry the state for the republican party." The secretary added:

"I believe that nothing that could happen in the politics of this country would work greater advantage to the country at large and to the south in particular than the breaking up of that what has been properly known as the 'Solid South.' I say this in no partisan spirit for I am not one of those who think that this result would necessarily increase the probability of the continuance in power of the republican party. The solidity of the South has in a measure, furnished its own antidote in restraining many voters in the north who might have left the republican party, but for what they regard as the injustice and danger of Southern political conditions.

"The South has been kept solid by the spectra of negro domination, and by stirring up racial prejudices and arousing unfounded alarm over an impossible return to reconstruction days. After a long struggle, the negroes' vote was made to count for nothing and when the political leaders of the dominant party came to realize that dreadful demoralization of all society that followed in a government if a law was flouted and fraud was to constitute its basis. They cast about to make the law square with existing conditions by proper and educational qualifications which should exclude the negro. They adopted amendments to the state constitutions with the so-called 'Grandfather clauses' intended to apply the new qualifications to the negro and not apply them to the whites."

The secretary said it is impossible to frame a law establishing any national qualification for suffrage which will stand the test of the fifteenth amendment and which will not operate ultimately to exclude impartially the negroes and whites from the ballots who lacked educational requirement.

A policy in the south, he said, which excludes impartially white and black when ignorant and irresponsible, cannot be criticized.

During the past decade, Mr. Taft pointed out a period of unprecedented prosperity that has come for the fair

southern states.

"Under the circumstances," he said, "it is not to be expected that the sensible, clear-headed business men of the South do not perceive the tremendous disadvantage under which the southern states labor with having only one party with any voice in their state governments and in being herded together always as the hide-bound support of the democratic party of the country, no matter what wild fallacies it may adopt in its platform nor what candidate it may put before the country.

The effect of changes of industrial conditions in eliminating the cry of negro domination from the politics of the former slave owning states has manifested itself first in the border states. West Virginia has become permanently republican and Maryland and Missouri put themselves in the republican column in the last presidential election while Kentucky nearly brought forth works meet for repentance in the first McKinley election.

The question that should address itself to the great business interests of the South, Taft stated, is much longer the spectre of things past is to hold them to a political allegiance that does them no good in national politics and deprives their communities of the 'inestimable benefit of the presence in local politics of two parties, each of which, if it does wrong, has a real chance of being punished for its misconduct.'

Mr. Taft contended that if the southern people, "Had kept up with the times; had they at the ballot box expressed their sentiments on the living issues of the day instead of allowing themselves to be frightened by a spectre and a shadow of the past their political

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SEEKS NEEDED REST

Roosevelt Will Take Much Deserved Vacation.

HE WILL SEE NO VISITORS

Sagamore Hill Will Be Quarantined Against Visitors and No Person Will Be Admitted on Any Condition.

WASHINGTON, July 9 (Special Correspondence).—It is given out that Mr. Roosevelt is to have a summer of real rest, and that a quarantine against visitors has been established at Oyster Bay. Sagamore Hill will be as hard to approach as the inside of a German fort. Whoever desires to see the President must have business of such tremendous importance that it cannot be handled by the department heads in Washington nor yet by Secretary Loeb at the temporary executive offices in Oyster Bay town. Instances of such vitally important business, it is believed, will be few and far between.

Mr. Roosevelt admitted, just before he left Washington, that the recent session of Congress had "gotten on his nerves" and he feels he is entitled to a long rest, something he has not had in more than four years. There is no disposition in any quarter to deny this is the President's due.

The suggestion is made, however, that more than likely Mr. Roosevelt also "got on the nerves" of Congress. He certainly gave the Capitol Hill statesmen a busy winter and kept them pretty well in a state of guessing from December until July. Yet the members of Congress have no chance to seek rest in seclusion—at least the great majority of them have not. The country must be saved against this year, and in the mind of the average Congressman its salvation depends in no small degree upon his re-election.

HOODO BATTLESHIP TO BE RETIRED FROM NAVY

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The supervising architect of the treasury is busy planning the new buildings authorized by Congress. The battleship Texas, known as the "Hood" will be retired from active service and used as a receiving ship at Charleston.

WASHINGTON IS DESERTED

Nation's Capitol Enters Dull Summer Season.

WHITE HOUSE CLOSES

Though Lawmakers Have Departed, Department Officials Are Still Busy.

NEW LAWS NECESSITATE WORK

Agricultural Department Is Swamped With Work Brought on by the Meat Inspection Law, and the Pure Food Bill.

(By Sheldon S. Cline.)

WASHINGTON, July 9 (Special).—Washington heaved a great sigh of relief when Congress adjourned and then settled down for its period of summer dullness.

A stranger standing in one of the railroad stations might well have believed himself in a city stricken with the plague, from which its inhabitants were in eager flight. Every outgoing train was crowded to its capacity. Few alighted from trains incoming. President Roosevelt set an example by leaving the city within a few hours after the falling gavel on Capitol Hill had marked the end of the session. All who could went in the President's wake.

On the American continent there is no other city like Washington in this respect. Possibly there is none like it in the world. From a busy, bustling capital, it becomes almost in a night, to all outward appearances, like a sleepy country town.

Government Machinery Grinds.

Yet Washington is not so dead as it would seem. It is true the Capitol no longer resounds with the noise of the nation's law-givers; the White House is closed, and its inmates gone; the hotel corridors are deserted and seem lonely places. Yet the wheels of Uncle Sam's great machine of government continues to revolve. The department clerks are still with us, and will be here. Even the heads of the departments are not yet at liberty to follow their chief out of the heated city.

The fact is, that the recent session of Congress enormously increased the work of the executive departments. Several of the departments will be compelled to enter upon almost a reorganization because of the enactments of Congress. Especially heavy is the work which the Department of Agriculture is compelled to do. The meat inspection law and the pure food law are the responsible measures in this instance. Under each law the organization of a large inspection force will be required, and to put these vast machines into successful operation will keep Secretary Wilson and his assistants busy until the snow flies. In the Department of Commerce and Labor there also is a good deal of reorganization to be accomplished, and Secretary Metcalf has postponed his vacation until an indefinite day.

Taft Must Get Busy.

Nor will there be much doing in the vacation line for Secretary Taft. The final decision by Congress on the type of Panama canal to be constructed removed the last excuse for delay in that undertaking, and the country expects that from now on the canal work will be pushed as it never has been pushed before. This means, of course, that the head of the War Department will not have a chance to get far away from base.

Attorney-General Moody also has a

strenuous summer's work cut out for him. Mr. Moody has remained in the Cabinet at the solicitation of President Roosevelt for the express purpose of prosecuting the Standard Oil and other trusts, and if the execution in this enterprise is to measure up to the promise there is no rest immediately ahead of the Attorney-General.

Secretary of State Root is the first Cabinet member to get away from Washington, but his trip to South America is not wholly one of pleasure, though going and coming he will have ample time to rest and recuperate. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Root is envied by his colleagues. It will be mid-winter in South America while he is there, and that is much to be preferred to mid-summer in Washington.

GET A SQUARE MEAL.

Alice and Her Husband Fed by President of France—Brilliant Affair.

PARIS, July 9.—President and Mrs. Fallieres gave a brilliant dinner tonight in the Elysee Palace in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Longworth. The guests included Ambassador and Mrs. McCormick, the members of the American embassy, American Ambassador to Turkey Leishman, Ministers Bourgeois, Clemenceau, Etienne, Thompson and Bartaon, Ambassador to the United States Jusserand, and others.

TURKS ROUT BULGARIANS.

SALONICA, July 9.—In the Konopista district today the Turkish troops annihilated, three Bulgarian bands killing 92 of them. The Turks lost 20 killed.

BANDIT AT LARGE

Man Who Held Up Five Stages Not Captured.

SHERIFFS LOSE HIS TRAIL

Officers Arrest Rancher Living in Grub Gulch, But He Denies His Guilt and Will Prove It—Tourists' Money Found

WAWONA, July 9.—The lone highwayman who held up five Yosemite stages and a private rig on Saturday is not yet captured. The sheriffs of two counties are on a hunt for the daring bandit. No arrests have been made. The sheriffs found the trail Sunday morning and followed the robber's tracks toward Grub Gulch several miles, but there the country became rocky and almost impassible and the trail was lost. The officers called on a suspect, a ranchman, near whose place the trail was lost, but declared themselves convinced that he was not the man who held up the stages. The officers found \$50 which the robber had overlooked in the express box and \$150 which the tourists had thrown into the brush.

Sheriff Prouty of Mariposa county stated that while suspicion pointed toward a certain man, he admitted the officers have no clue to work upon.

May Have Right Man.

FRESNO, July 9.—If the surmises of the authorities are correct, Jack Sweet of Grubb Gulch, Madeira county, is the hold-up of five Yosemite stages. A report to the Democrat is to the effect that he is under arrest on that charge and that he has been taken to Wawona for identification. Sweet is suspected of having held up the Yosemite stage a year ago. No arrest was then made because he came forward with an alibi. Sweet owns a small ranch in Grub Gulch and works as a laborer in the mines. News of his arrest was brought here by a man named Graham from Ahwahnee and all depends upon the possibility of identification, which several stage passengers say they are able to do.

Sweet denies his guilt and says he can prove he was not near the scene of the robbery.

SOLDIERS ON THE WARPATH

Most Serious Mutiny Occurs at Tambov.

DRAGOONS ARE KILLED

Rebellious Soldiers of Kasarev Regiment Attack the Nejina Dragoons.

COSSACKS SHOW DISLOYALTY

Government Disseminating False Reports Concerning Parliament Among the Peasantry—Try to Arouse Animosity Toward Parliament.

Serious Mutiny Occurs at Tambov

TAMBOV, July 9.—A mutiny broke out Saturday in the Kasarev regiment of cavalry and during the disorder the infantry officers and soldiers of the Nejina dragoons were killed. The mutineers barricaded themselves in the barracks.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 9.—News of the mutiny at Tambov, which apparently is the most serious since the Sebastopol mutiny is confined to the bare details of censored dispatches, showing that the mutineers, when attacked by the loyal troops offered armed resistance before retreating to their barracks, where they are now barricaded. Up to 1:30 o'clock tonight the newspapers had received no further particulars. In the previous riots this year the disaffected troops have submitted when confronted by loyal detachments.

Fear Cossacks Loyalty.

Dispatches received here today from Novo Teberkask, which is the center of the Don Cossack district show that the authorities are extremely apprehensive of the effect of the speeches in the lower house on the Cossack question, and which were palpably intended to undermine the loyalty of the Cossack levies engaged in police duty. The regular meetings of the constitutional democrats at which reports of the debate have been read, were dispersed, and the papers have been terrified into omitting reports of the speeches.

Government's False Reports.

In the lower house today Count Mukhanoff, president of the House Agrarian commission dilated on the effect of the Emperor's recent proclamation, which he said was handicapping the commission. The Count said that in various sections, the government's fair-sounding promises of distribution of all arable state lands was being contrasted with the slow progress of parliament. He added that the report was being spread that the Emperor had ordered a distribution of the lands to the peasants, but Parliament was withholding the "little father's" gift to his children.

Deputy Von Rutzen from the province of Kursk has just returned from that section and told the Associated Press today that many peasants were harboring a feeling of distrust, if not of animosity towards Parliament, and that the government officials were doing their utmost to encourage it.

Christians Are Safe.

During today's debate in the lower house on the Bialystok report, Baron Ropp, a Catholic Bishop said a general had informed him that the soldiers would never fire on the Christians, but only on the Jews. He said administrative officials were capable of stopping

the excesses, if they cared to. It was necessary to give self government to the Western Provinces or else Pogroms (massacres) will soon occur.

Cossacks Rebel.

UST MEDVEDITSIA, July 9.—The Cossacks of the Second Reserve who have been ordered mobilized for police service have refused to join the colors.

At Usevoka a company of Cossacks have been sent away because they refused to fire on the manifestants.

Jews Attack Policeman.

GRODNO, July 9.—As a result of the arrest of a Jew, a crowd of Jews attacked a patrolman with stones. There were several revolver shots. The policeman in self defense, killed one of the Jews. Extreme irritation between the Jews and Christian exists.

MOVE FOR NEW TRIAL.

Mrs. Emma Ledoux's Attorneys Stave Off Death Sentence Awhile

STOCKTON, Cal., July 9.—Mrs. Emma Ledoux convicted of the murder of A. N. McVicar was brought before Judge Nutter today to be given the death sentence. A motion for a new trial was made on statutory grounds and the argument immediately commenced. The court room was crowded, mostly with women. The murderess was dressed as thought for a shopping tour, she seemed in good health, though a little pale from confinement.

BRYAN IS THE MAN

Senator Clark Says Nebraskan Will Be Nominated.

WILL HAVE NO OPPOSITION

Predicts Datto Chieftain Will Receive The Democratic Nomination For President—Millionaire in Los Angeles at Present.

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—United States Senator Clark today declared his belief that Bryan would be nominated by the democrats for President and the Nebraskan would have no opposition in the convention. Referring to Montana politics, Clark said his successor would "Probably be a democrat," but he did not think he would be nominated. Clark stated he knew Ernest G. Stackpole, in the county jail here charged with the murder of Joel Scheck. Stackpole, he says, comes of good parents living at Butte, and was formerly in Clark's employ. He has had a checkered career. Several years ago, according to the Senator when Stackpole was a young man he threatened to dynamite the Senator's home. Stackpole was arrested, but not prosecuted out of sympathy with his family.

WHITMAN IS OPTIMISTIC.

Grain Ripening Fast and Big Preparations for Harvest.

COLFAX, Wash., July 9.—On account of the hot weather for the past few days the harvest season will open in the western part of Whitman county next week. Haying is now being pushed so as to get it out of the way of the wheat harvest. Grain is ripening very fast, in fact, too fast to make the best quality of grain, but as the weather is cooler today there is a spirit of optimism prevalent among the farmers.

There is already a great demand for farm laborers and a prospect for a dearth of the same this summer by reason of the great demand for railroad hands as well as for farm laborers. Horses will be scarcer yet than men, as all that could be purchased have been taken by the railroad contractors, thus leaving a shortage that will be very hard to supply.